

Dysocarpa -

I thought I could have worked up <sup>weights</sup> your Leguminosae, whilst naming the other sets from various sources, I was obliged to do but have not had time to finish and must do it when I return - In a set of about 100 Javanese Leguminosae from whence I suspect must thro' - are not half a dozen new ones - not so many as in Champion's Hong Kong set or in Spon's Pantarum collection - The common E. Indian Leguminosae has a very wide geographical range - whilst your New-Hebridean ones seem very local

D. Orsted (or ~~as~~ they write it D. Prsted) of Copenhagen has asked me to determine his *Macaranga* & *Cestaria* plants amounting as he says to about 2000 specimens & keeping a set for myself - I have been obliged to decline excepting certain families - Do you know anything of him?

Ever yours sincerely

George Donnell-Smith

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My dear Gray

It is very provoking that we should just miss each other again and that you & Mrs Gray should be at Paris precisely at the time we shall be near or in London - I am very angry with Mrs Gray for thus always running away from us and shall not forgive her without a promise from you both to spend another week or two with us here before you return to America

Thanks for the information about the letter at the post office - I had written to me and I have written to the Secretary of the Post office - whether I shall get it or not is a matter of doubt - I got one the other day directed to me "Professor of Botany London" "Trinity University College - Not known there" "Trinity King's College - Not known there" and at last try Bontreilas Houmberford

Many thanks about the *Chasy* plants you speak of they will be

most acceptable - Whatever you know  
for me I should feel much obliged  
if you would send by carrier to  
21 Regent Street. The porter there will  
pay the carriage - for Hooker's  
house is so full any extra packages  
are in his way.

I had a letter from Torrey last  
month & shall write to him before  
I leave home.

DeCandolle writes to me that his  
family are all well again - he is spending  
Christmas.

When at Paris you meet Mr  
Widdell pray tell him how much  
I regret not having had an opportunity  
of making his acquaintance when  
he was in London though I was there  
at the time and just missed him at  
Kendal, and at New. I trust when  
next he comes to England he will  
come and see me here. I am more  
and more interested in South American  
plants - Spence's American ones  
which I am now distributing are  
now more numerous in specimens  
and in the present set (about 200)

are many very interesting ones amongst  
others a new genus of *Elaeagnus* quite  
distinct from *Conchocarpum* - with the  
leaves of a *Schoepfia*. If you happen to hear  
of a subscriber in Paris pray mention them  
I hope the Wiegand & Melchior  
collectors will pay attention well to  
the *Mimosa* which appear to be  
numerous there - N. 179 (130) of  
which is not among Wiegand's  
plants and I cannot make it out  
My specimens certainly look as if the  
reflorescence had been spicate whilst  
the one you have in town looked  
capitate - but one cannot always  
tell for certain in fruit specimens  
The two 180 (129) and 182 (140) which  
I called *A. constricta* may be distinct  
species but they appear to be two  
intermediate forms between two  
extremes among Wiegand's - In  
Wiegand's collection the fruits are  
sometimes loose and twice I found  
one half of a pod with one specimen  
and the other half of the same pod  
in another sheet with another species  
The name I had given in my notes  
and referred to 183 (144) was *Mimosa*